

EDITORIALS

THOUGHT FOR TODAY—The taxpayer troubled, by meeting his own financial obligations must be doubly confused when he notices congress lifting the federal debt ceiling to a new high of \$288,000,000,000 while at the same time many congressmen unashamedly champion federal aid schemes on the grounds that state and local governments "can't afford them."—The Tax Digest.

Welcome Assistance

Efforts to speed up allocation of funds for construction of the San Diego Freeway which have been spearheaded during recent years by the Inter-City Highway Committee, received a strong boost this week when Supervisor Kenneth Hahn jumped into the fight alongside the committee.

Hahn started off with a telegram to Robert B. Bradford, state director of Public Works and chairman of the State Highway Commission, saying "the San Diego Freeway should be given the highest priority of all freeways in California because of traffic conditions surrounding the Los Angeles International Airport."

The addition of Hahn's support should add to the optimism expressed by local representatives to the Inter-City committee after a recent appearance before the commission on behalf of the San Diego Freeway.

Hahn's assistance has been credited with plans to complete the Harbor Freeway as far south as 190th St. during the coming year. Remaining to be completed on that project is the area between 190th St. and Pacific Coast Hwy.

Opinions of Others

Grandma claims she's not one mite old-fashioned, but she has noticed that nowadays you see girls' knees in places where once you didn't even see girls.—*Priest River (Ida.) Times.*

The main business of every citizen is to improve the community by improving himself. That's the only way it can be done.—*Canton (N. C.) Enterprise.*

Any American can consider himself a success if he pays more to support the government than it costs him to have a wife and family.—*Arco (Ida.) Advertiser.*

The National Congress of Parents and Teachers announces that it now has a membership of more than 11 million. This makes it one of the largest, perhaps the largest, voluntary service organization in the world. By the standard of size and public acceptance, then, the PTA movement is notably successful.—*Westerly (R. I.) Sun.*

Only one cigarette has a "thinking man's filter," but there are some 30 brands with filters for non-thinking smokers, which is probably about the right ratio.—*Snow Hill (Md.) Democratic Messenger.*

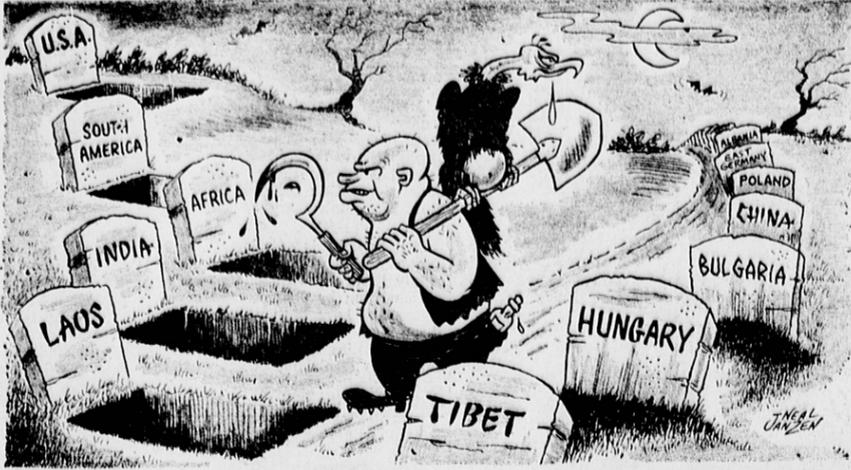
Dun and Bradstreet provides the following startling statistics: 95 per cent of all failures in business are from the ranks of non-advertisers. Only 5 per cent of those who fail are advertisers.—*Thamesville (Ontario, Canada) Herald.*

Everyone should occasionally attend a school board meeting. Local control of the schools is as vital as freedom of the press or any other freedom. Fancy school buildings do not make educated citizens. Education begins with qualified teachers, backed up by an able school board, elected by people of each community. You owe it to yourself and your community to exercise your privilege of helping to elect the right people to run your local school system. No one else can do it.—*Dalton (Ohio) Gazette.*

One of the happy developments of the time has been industry's increasing support of higher education in the United States.—*Arlington (Tex.) Citizen.*

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS	1-Competed in speed contest	6-Sumptuous meal	11-Teasty	12-Body of water	14-Included	15-Charge	17-Negative	18-Boy	19-Molar	20-Transgression	21-Bone	22-Loans	23-Sting painfully	24-Registers	26-Dietary	27-Dress borders	28-Financial institution	29-Collect	31-Violent wind	34-Young girl	35-Young horses	36-Babylonian deity	37-Exist	38-Winter vehicles	39-Beast of burden	40-Artificial language	41-Feet	42-Toward the sheltered side	43-Engines	45-Cuts	47-Memoranda	48-Pamphlet
DOWN	1-Rest	2-Initiated	3-Terms	4-Printer's measure	5-Feels on	6-Darts	7-Every	8-Mature	9-Conclusion	10-Exclusive	11-Giver of gift	12-Roman date	13-Communist	14-Fixed periods of time	15-City in Alaska	16-Clayey earth	17-Announcement of marriage	18-Pursue	19-Male deer (pl.)	20-Most daring	21-Warning signal	22-Dark red	23-Pedal digits	24-Sandy waste	25-Pertile spots in desert	26-Social rank	27-Withered	28-Teutonic deity	29-Parcel of land	30-The kava	31-Preposition	32-Teutonic deity



Peaceful Coexistence? Sure! Even to Burial in Your Own Back Yard!

LAW IN ACTION

Speaking Against the Dead

The law won't allow you to present certain testimony in a law suit against a deceased person's estate. If you make a claim for money against it, you can't testify about what supposedly happened before the man died. He can't defend his own claim.

In old England, where the rule started, it was used to stop lying or perjury where one of the parties to a business deal was dead and could not, therefore, answer complaints against himself.

England abolished the rule many years ago. But not California.

The rule applies not only to contract claims but to personal claims against the estate and other sorts of suits for money.

Suppose you are in a car mishap; and you and the other driver are the sole wit-

nesses. Then he dies. In your suit against his estate, you cannot bring out facts against him, even if he is at fault. You might have to rely solely on circumstantial facts.

The rule doesn't apply in trying to prove that a trust exists, to redeem a mortgage, or to get back real property. These are not money claims.

The dead person's executor may waive the rule. He can, for example, call the claimant to the stand and ask him questions. Or if the testimony comes in and the exec-

utor does not object, the court will regard the rule as waived.

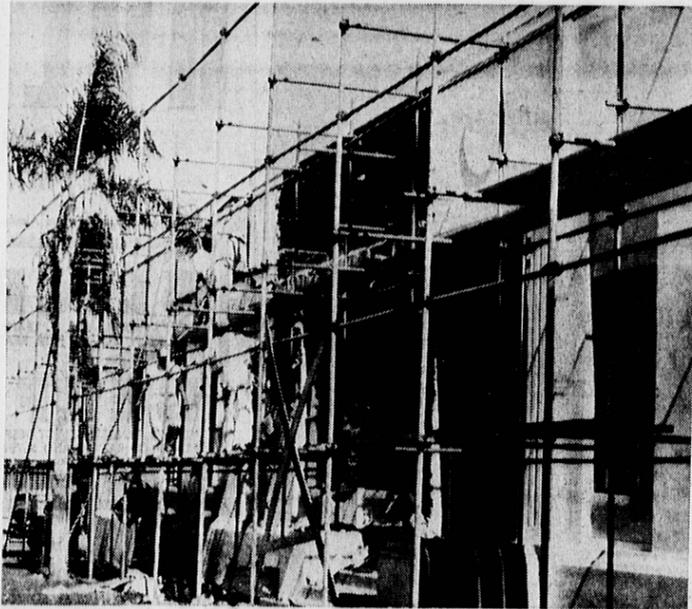
Thus, one claimant sued a widow AND her husband's estate. He said they had promised to pay for some home furnishings. Since the widow was alive, she could testify, which helped to prove the couple's indebtedness. The dead man's evidence rule did not apply.

NOTE: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

My Neighbors



"In this dream, Congressman, what do you answer when the taxpayers ask about government waste?"



MAJOR SURGERY . . . The former Torrance city hall at 1511 Cravens will take on a new look during coming weeks as workmen swarm over the structure to convert it into the area's headquarters for the Home Savings and Loan Assn. The firm's scheduled Oct. 1 opening date has been delayed because of material supply problems, a Home official reported to the city this week. (Herald Photo)



LOOK, MOM . . . Five-year-old Shelly Gartner had herself a great time at Sea-Aire Park this week while her mother played a round of golf. The city recreation department operated park, a busy place during summer months,



presents a problem for youngsters like Shelly. But now that the older children are back in school, she can have the time of her life with the play equipment during school hours. As you can see here, she is doing just that.

The Giant Atom Is a Tiny Thing

How big is an atom? Southlanders attending a recent "This Atomic World" exhibition at the California Museum of Science and Industry in Exposition Park were given some idea through some fantastic figures dredged up by the scientists of the Atomic Energy Commission. If every person in the world were reduced to the size of an atom, it would require far less than the tip of a pencil eraser to hold the total population.

from hurling them through space to distant points of the world to blow up in the face of our foes.

So you want to be a songwriter? Well, there are a couple of pitfalls you should watch for, Ira Cook, KMPCC record spinner, says.

Here, let Ira tell you how it goes:

If you are able to read, write and hum, chances are you have an idea for a song. In fact, you probably think your song is better than the one currently occupying the top spot in the nation (and it could very well be).

Maybe, in fantasy, you've dreamed of having a record that sold a million. If you got four cents per disc, you would clean up \$40,000 dollars. Not bad . . . not bad at all!

All right, let's get started. All we need is a recording studio and a couple of musicians—it's simple! . . . or is it? Let me jot down some of the minimum costs involved in cutting a record.

The studio charges run about \$35 per hour. The musician's fee is \$48.50 each for a three-hour session. And you must have a leader—his price is \$97.

Now you have your studio and your musicians and they're ready to go, except where's the music? Well, you must have an arranger, who will dock you \$5 per score page, and then you need a copyist, who receives at least \$87c single instrumental per page. Now were're in better shape. After a little rehearsal we're ready to go.

Oops, we need tape which will run about \$10 an hour. . . . Three hours later, we have our tape full of music and the party's over, but the expenses continue.

The editing of the tape will run at least \$35 an hour, then comes the master disc at \$7 per side for monaural, or \$25 per side, stereo (and nearly everything should be stereo these days).

And let's don't forget the charges for pressing the records, the cost of the sleeves, labels, and the plating and processing.

Did I forget anything? Oh, yes, a little something for the Union's pension plan—\$5.34 for the leader, and \$2.65 for each sideman. Hey—where did you go? I thought you wanted to make a record of your song?

All we have to do is keep